

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 21st AUGUST 2025



Sunday Worship – 24th August 2025 Trinity 10

8:00am - BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road


9:45am – All Age Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

11:15am – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

*Morning Prayer is taking a short break over the summer
it will restart on Wednesday 1st October*

Thursday at 9:15am - Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Saturday 23rd August at 12 noon	 Wedding of Alexander and Tanya at St Paul's, Scotforth Road
Wednesday 27th August from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 31st August 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala



***Worshipping God,
Growing in Faith,
Serving the Community.***

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Our mission Partners: For Stephen and Marit Impey's work with Wycliffe Bible Translators International.

From our Parish prayer diary: Graham Street, Vine Street

From our Church prayer diary: Our cleaning and caretaking staff

We pray for Alexander and Tanya as they are married this week at St Paul's Church

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, John Harding, Ian Smith, Phil Simpson, Irene Harper, Eileen Unsworth

All who mourn: Joan Pearson, Tommy Layfield

Prayer for Revd Catherine as she prepares to become the next Vicar of St Paul's:

God our Father, we give our heartfelt thanks for the appointment of Catherine as our new Vicar here at St Paul's. We pray for her as she prepares to move into the Vicarage and all that involves. Send us all your Holy Spirit at this time of change to fill us with vision and energy and faithfulness in prayer that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community. We pray for Catherine that she may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son Jesus. Amen.

Collect for Sunday 24th August:

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 24th August:

Jeremiah 1.4-10

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵ 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

⁶ Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' ⁷ But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.'

⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth.'

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Luke 13.10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd,

'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Post Communion prayer for Sunday 24th August:

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 2.4-13; Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1, 7-14

Submissions for the Parish News: The deadline each week is **Tuesday at 11:30am**, but we can always add contributions to the following week's Parish News. We look forward to receiving your contributions and supporting each other in the Body of Christ. Please email the parish office, leave a message on the answer machine for a telephone submission or post/leave an article for the Parish Office in the Parish Hall letter box.

Contactless Giving in Church is available:

Our machine is at the back of church so that on your way out, rather than giving a cash donation, you could consider giving by card.



Revd Catherine's Institution and Induction Service – Sunday 14th September at 7.30pm:



Tea/Coffee and cakes will be served after the end of this service – if you would like to contribute to the cakes/biscuits please can you sign up on the sheet which is at the back of church and at Hala – last date to do this is 7th September. All contributions can be brought along to the service and left at the back of church on the refreshment table. Thank you.

You can do something for the People of Palestine

We see the deaths and devastation on our screens and feel helpless, but we could give support through our MP. Cat Smith is running the Great Scottish Run (half marathon in Glasgow) on the 5th October.

Cat writes:

‘As some of you know, I’ve been deeply moved and distressed by the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. I’ve raised these issues in Parliament, spoken out for the people of Palestine, for the recognition of the Palestinian state, and called for immediate aid and justice. But like so many, I’ve felt the need to do something more — something tangible. So I’m running this half marathon to raise funds for Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) — an incredible organisation providing life-saving healthcare, emergency medical supplies, and essential support in Gaza and across Palestine. I’ve run these kinds of races before, but this one feels different. I’ll be carrying with me the stories and suffering of those I’ve heard from — and I’ll be running in solidarity with them.’

‘If you are able to support my run by donating to MAP, I’d be incredibly grateful. Every pound makes a real difference.’

The website is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/cat-smith-palestine>

Cat is a member of Lancaster Methodist Church and has also been invited to open the new hall at Trinity United Reformed Church next month.

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School Admission and ‘Green Card’ System and change to signing:

We would like to remind parents about the ‘green card’ system that we operate at St Paul’s, both in church and at our Hala Worship Centre. At the present time attendance for either primary or secondary school admissions is for “parent and/or child”. This means if you attend a service without your child you should still get your card signed.

If your child attends with another family member, e.g. grandparent, then the green card can be signed for your child’s attendance however, if they attend without your child the card cannot be signed – your child has to be with them.

We have been reminded in recent weeks the importance of parents understanding and reading the admission policy of the school chosen – it is not the responsibility of the church to ensure your understanding. We can only complete the information requested by the school following their guidance. If you have any queries about a specific school admission policy then you should contact the school directly.

Change moving forward:

Please note that the green cards will only be signed at the end of the service you are attending and must be signed by either a member of clergy or lay minister leading the service, churchwarden (Jayne or Keith) or Assistant Churchwarden (Phil, Jon, Dave or Michelle).

If you have any additional questions then please talk to Jayne or email:

lifeevents@stpauls-scotforth.org

VICAR: We are currently in a period of vacancy – please contact a Churchwarden.

ASSOCIATE PRIEST: Rev Catherine Haydon: Tel: 07723 642973;

Email: catherine@stpauls-scotforth.org

Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarden.

CHURCHWARDENS:

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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PARISH OFFICE: Office hours are Monday - Friday from 9.30am –12 noon. We are closed on weekends and Bank Holidays.

Tel: 01524 843135; Email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill through the parish office or Email: lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org


CHURCH WEBSITE & HOW TO HIRE OUR ROOMS:

<https://stpauls-scotforth.org> then visit the Hiring our Spaces area at the top of the page.

FACEBOOK: regular updates about life at St Paul's can be found: @scotforthstpaulschurch

PASTORAL CARE TEAM: Our Clergy and Pastoral Care Team are here to listen and to pray. You can contact them by either emailing pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org or telephoning Jayne on Tel: 07986993007.

Scotforth School: Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379




24-HOUR PRAYER FOR LANCASTER & MORECAMBE


12PM WED 3 SEP TO 12PM THU 4 SEP

As part of 24/7 Prayer's global week this September, Lancaster & Morecambe will pray for 24 hours from 3-4 September. All prayer activities are hosted by **St Thomas' Church, Lancaster LA1 1XX**.

24/7 Prayer Room | 12pm til 12pm, 3 - 4 Sept
We have a dedicated space at St Tees church centre, with creative ways to pray. Come on your own or with friends.
Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/44xKWjo> or scan the QR code



Evening Prayer Gathering | 7pm, Wed 3 Sept
Join us in the main church from 7pm for refreshments and then a special evening of worship and prayer from 7.30pm. We'll lift up Lancaster & Morecambe, our churches, schools, families, and more – asking God to move. No need to book.



Prayer Walk | 9.15am, Thu 4 Sept
Gather for a prayer walk, praying for the needs of Lancaster & Morecambe on Thursday 4th Sept.
Start: 9:15am outside St Thomas' Church Centre
Finish: Around 10:45am at Trafalgar Point, Morecambe
Contact Marcus: marcus@newlifelancaster.org.uk



Enquiries: pete@citychurch.uk or mark@st.tees.org.uk

Did you know we have a team of Lay Pastoral Visitors?

If you know of anyone, or you would appreciate a visit from a team member, then please contact Jayne Weatherill, tel: 01524 843135 or email pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org



Cleaning in Church

Volunteers are needed to help clean Church before Rev. Catherine's Institution and Induction. If you can spare some time on **Saturday 6th September between 10am and noon**, please come along and lend a hand. If you can also bring along a bucket and cleaning cloths, that would be a big help.

Keith Weatherill

Parish 150 meeting 7:30pm on 3rd September 2025



St Paul's Church
Scotforth
Celebrating
150 years

The next open meeting of the group looking at the plans for the forthcoming 150th Anniversary of our

parish is at **7:30pm on Wednesday 3rd**

September in church. Everyone is welcome.

The exciting plans are shaping up on a wide range of ideas that will be spread throughout 2026. Do come and hear all about it and be part of the planning.

For more information email jim.currin@me.com or look out for more information in future Parish News. Finally, please pray even now for God's guidance as we plan to celebrate our church past, present and future.

Jim Currin

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